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6. KUBO INQUIRED ABOUT USARJ REORGANIZATION AND POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR USAF OR USN REORGANIZATION. GEN GALLIGAN REPLIED THAT USARJ HAD UNDERGONEREORGANIZATION IN RESPONSE TO CLOSURE OF USARPAC IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH WASHINGTON. THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR USN REORGANIZATION AND NO OTHER PLANS FOR AIR FORCE REORGANIZATION BEYOND KPCP MOVE INTO YOKOTA ALREADY UNDER WAY. KUBO STATED HE WISHED TO CONVEY DESIRE OF JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL YAMANAKA THAT FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY FACILITIES RELEASES. GEN GALLIGAN REPLIED THAT ARMY HAD BEEN RE-EXAMINING ITS FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ON OKINAWA, BUT COULD NOT YET TELL WHICH, IF ANY, FACILITIES WOULD BECOME EXCESS TO ARMY'S REQUIREMENTS AS A RESULT OF REORGANIZATION. IF ANY FACILITIES WERE EVENTUALLY DECLARED EXCESS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFERED TO EACH OF OTHER SERVICES BEFORE THEY COULD BE DECLARED EXCESS TO OVERALL DOD NEEDS AND THEREFORE AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE. GEN SNOWDEN ADDED THAT USFJ FULLY UNDERSTOOD GOJ NEED FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION. IN FACT, USARPAC DECISION HAD COME AS SURPRISE. USG WISHED TO HELP GOJ MAKE PROPER PREPARATIONS FOR ANY DOMESTIC JAPANESE POLITICAL REACTION TO US MILITARY REORGANIZATIONS BY MAKING AS TIMELY NOTIFICATION AS POSSIBLE. USG WOULD ENDEAVOR TO AVOID GIVING ANY "SHOCKS" TO GOJ ON THIS QUESTION.

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7. MARUYAMA BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MARINE HARRIER SQUADRON TO IWAKUNI AND STATED GOJ HAD RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL REPORT FROM HAWAII THAT ADDITIONAL HARRIER UNIT WOULD DEPLOY TO MISAWA. IF SUCH WAS CASE, LOCAL PROBLEMS AT MISAWA MADE IT ADVISABLE TO POSTPONE MOVE UNTIL LATER. GEN GALLIGAN REPLIED THAT USFJ HAD NO INFORMATION HERE CONCERNING DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL HARRIER SQUADRON. GEN SHIRAKAWA REMARKED THAT HARRIERS NOTORIOUSLY NOISY AIRCRAFT AND INQUIRED HOW THEY WOULD BE EXERCISED, SINCE THAT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE NEW BASE PROBLEM. GEN SNOWDEN REPLIED THAT HARRIER DID HAVE HIGHER NOISE LEVEL IMMEDIATELY BENEATH AIRCRAFT, BUT THAT SOUND INTENSITY FELL OFF SHARPLY SHORT DISTANCE AWAY. PRESENT PLANS FOR USE AT IWAKUNI CALLED FOR AIRCRAFT TO HOVER OVER WATER AWAY FROM POPULATED AREAS. IT WAS ANTICIPATED, HOWEVER, THAT HARRIERS WOULD HAVE TO USE RANGES AT MISAWA AND IESHIMA. NAVY ALREADY ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR RANGE TRAINING IN JAPAN IN ORDER TO GIVE GOJ NECESSARY INFORMATION TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE. GEN GALLIGAN ADDED THAT HARRIER COULD NOT BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT IN HORIZONTAL FLIGHT. HOVER TRAINING COULD THEREFORE BE ADJUSTED TO CONSIDERATIONS OF POPULATION DENSITY.

8. DCM STATED US SIDE HAD COME PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP WITH NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH HAD ARISEN FROM GEN SNOWDEN'S REMARKS AT PREVIOUS SCG, BUT AS ISSUES WERE COMPLICATED AND ONLY 30 MINUTES REMAINED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DO THEM JUSTICE. THEREFORE, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT US RESPONSES AND JAPANESE COMMENTS THEREON BE CARRIED OVER TO NEXT SCG AT WHICH TIME BOTH SIDES WOULD ALSO ENDEAVOR TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON FORMAL ITEMS OF AGENDA. DEPFONMIN ARIA AGREED FOR GOJ AND MEETING ADJOURNED. NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

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